

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after line 4, insert --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 2, after line 4, insert --DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 7, after line 3, insert --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

The invention will now be described in more detail with reference to the accompanying Figure showing the steps of a preferred method of producing composites of the invention.--

Page 7, line 8, delete "EXAMPLE" and replace by --EXAMPLES--.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A composite material comprising [an] a particulate inorganic filler material and a fibrous polymeric material [characterized in that] wherein the fibrous polymeric material comprises molecularly oriented polymeric [fibres] fibers and [has areas of adjacent oriented fibres fused together] a recrystallized melt phase of the same polymer as the fibers, the recrystallized melt phase consisting of from 5 to 50% by weight of the polymeric material and having a melting point less than that of the molecularly oriented fiber, the